

ways of life as a form of treatment. They have successfully hosted a community-based Cultural Heritage Week and begun to undergo a long-planned expansion. Patricia's love of community, culture, and hard work has resulted in a public service career that exemplifies the Alaska and American dream.

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to Patricia for her many years of service to the people she has come to call family. I wish the absolute best for her and her family as they begin this next stage in their lives.●

RECOGNIZING MINNESOTA POLICE OFFICERS

● Mr. FRANKEN. Mr. President, the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association, the largest association representing Minnesota's rank-and-file police officers, recently met for its annual conference in Alexandria, MN.

During that conference, MPPOA recognized several outstanding police officers: Sergeant Eric Kilian of the Hutchinson Police Department was named Police Officer of the Year, and Officer Mark Blumberg of the St. Paul Police Department and Officer Brian Hasselman of the Burnsville Police Department received Honorable Mentions. In addition, the Minnesota Association of Women Police, a wonderful organization that trains women police officers and promotes professionalism in law enforcement, recently honored Detective Alesia Metry of the Maplewood Police Department as Officer of the Year at its annual conference in Duluth.

I join MPPOA and MAWP in recognizing these brave public servants, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank both organizations and their members for the work they do every single day to keep our communities safe.●

CONGRATULATING JOHN STROUD

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate Commander John W. Stroud from Hawthorne, NV, on being named the National Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States for 2015. I am proud to honor a Nevadan who has dedicated his life to serving our country and is committed to ensuring that our Nation's heroes receive the care that they deserve.

As a member of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I recognize the important role the Veterans of Foreign Wars plays for combat veterans and military servicemembers from the Active, Guard, and Reserve forces. This distinguished national group of veterans has been a constant influence, furthering the voice of all of our Nation's heroes. On July 23, 2014, at the 115th National Convention, John Stroud was elected as VFW national commander. This is the second time in VFW history that a Nevadan has been elected commander. John has served

the VFW in many leadership positions, and I have no doubt that he will work tirelessly in his new position as commander towards the VFW's mission to ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

Graduating from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with a bachelor of science degree in professional aeronautics, Commander Stroud decided to serve his Nation by joining the U.S. Air Force, where he went on to enjoy a distinguished career. Upon joining the Air Force, he was sent overseas for a tour in Korea with the 51st Fighter Wing at Osan Air Base as a flight operations superintendent. For his service, he was awarded four Meritorious Service Medals, three Air Force Commendation Medals, three Air Force Achievement Medals, the Korea Defense Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal. Commander Stroud's accomplishments extend far beyond his numerous commendations; he has also been recognized for his service to the community. He dedicates much of his time as a member of many volunteer organizations, like the American Legion and the Elks, and is a Life Member of the Disabled American Veterans, the Military Order of the Cootie, and the VFW National Home for Children.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to Commander Stroud for his courageous contributions to the United States of America and to freedom-loving nations around the world. His service to his country and his bravery and dedication earn him a place among the outstanding men and women who have valiantly defended our Nation. As a member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, I recognize that Congress has a responsibility not only to honor these brave individuals who serve our Nation but also to ensure they are cared for when they return home. I remain committed to upholding this promise for our veterans and servicemembers in Nevada and throughout the Nation.

I am both humbled and honored by Commander Stroud's service and am proud to call him a fellow Nevadan. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Commander Stroud for all of his accomplishments and wish him well in all of his future endeavors.●

RECOGNIZING EDIE JOHNSTON AND ELDERTIDE LLC

● Mr. KING. Mr. President, I wish to commend Edie Johnston and her company, Eldertide LLC, for being named a 2014 Small Business Administration Tibbetts Award recipient. Located in Dresden, ME, Eldertide harvests and produces elderberries for medicinal purposes. Along with Eldertide's sister company, Maine Medicinals, the business creates various herbal supple-

ments with the elderberry product. Fueled by the belief that natural, native elderberries are nutritionally valuable, Eldertide has successfully marketed and sold their Maine-made supplements nationwide and around the world.

With just two employees and 6 years of business experience, the company is expanding vastly. Their antioxidant-rich elderberry juice concentrate is now being distributed nationally and internationally. Maine Medicinals, which serves as the retail branch of the company, recently reached an agreement with Whole Foods to sell their supplements.

Eldertide and Maine Medicinals not only represent a successful entrepreneurial spirit, but they also strive to impact Maine, the United States, and the world with an emphasis on innovation and education. The company has contributed to two university research initiatives through the University of Southern Maine and the University of Maine-Orono and has also engaged Kennebec Valley Community College students in valuable research to examine the health effects of phytochemicals from whole foods such as elderberries. Specifically, this research has examined the impact of elderberry juice on chronic diseases such as type 2 diabetes.

In addition, Mrs. Johnston founded the Elderberry School, an institution where family farmers interested in the science and business of herbal supplements can learn the process that has propelled Eldertide to where it is today. Some recent graduates have even gone on to own small businesses dedicated to the same core principles that Eldertide espouses.

We have many great small businesses in Maine, and 2014 Tibbetts Award recipient Mrs. Edie Johnston and Eldertide LLC is certainly one of them. Eldertide and its sister company Maine Medicinals represent the innovative, entrepreneurial spirit that defines the State of Maine. I am proud to join in recognizing their creativity and dedication to larger social and economic goals, and I expect they will continue to impress us—both in Maine and around the world with their superb nutraceuticals.●

REMEMBERING LIEUTENANT GENERAL MARC C. REYNOLDS

● Mr. LEE. Mr. President, On July 21, 2014, America lost one of her finest veterans. Lt. Gen. Marc C. Reynolds, U.S. Air Force, Retired, passed away with his family by his side after a life full of tremendous achievements and honors. I share a few of those achievements from his own recollections and from the recollections of those who knew him.

General Reynolds was not always a Utahn, although we have proudly claimed him as one for decades. He was born in Chamberlain, SD in 1928 to Morris and Ione Reynolds. He grew up during the Second World War, a time—

as we sometimes forget—of tremendous sacrifice for our entire Nation. He observed that this experience shaped his entire life.

He graduated from Chamberlain High School in 1946 and subsequently moved to Colorado, where he attended the University of Denver. In 1950, the year after his graduation, North Korean forces invaded South Korea. Within 24 hours of hearing the news, Marc went to the Air Force recruitment office in downtown Denver and signed up for the aviation cadet program. He trained at Perrin and Vance Air Force bases and graduated from pilot training as a second lieutenant. He subsequently attended jet interceptor training at Moody and Tyndall Air Force bases.

All of General Reynolds' moving and training was part of the American Defense Command's initiative to build forces in response to the ever-growing threat of tyranny and oppression from the Soviet Union. In 1952, he was assigned to the 83rd Fighter-Interceptor Squadron and Hamilton Air Force Base and moved with the squadron to Paine Air Force Base.

In 1953, near the end of the Korean war, he was transferred to Okinawa, where he flew F-94Bs on fighter-interceptor missions. After the war was over, he was assigned to the 437th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron as the tactical flight commander out of Otis Air Force Base. He later became a maintenance officer with the 602nd Consolidated Maintenance Squadron, also at Otis.

General Reynolds then transitioned to reconnaissance, joining the 19th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron in Europe as flight commander. He served at various posts around the world and completed Air Command and Staff College in 1966.

During this time, war was being waged in Indochina and a proxy war between the United States and the Soviet and Chinese Communist regimes was beginning to form. General Reynolds was assigned to the 460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing at Tan Son Nhut Air Base near Saigon in South Vietnam. He arrived on December 7, 1966. In reference to the anniversary of Pearl Harbor, he occasionally joked that it was "a good day to go to war."

General Reynolds' achievements and endurance during this time are remarkable. Throughout his 10-month deployment to Vietnam, he flew 230 combat missions—a majority being flown at night. He also flew many missions over North Vietnam, which was heavily defended by Viet Cong radar, anti-aircraft guns, and surface-to-air missiles. Flying 10 of these missions up north would merit month off of the year-long deployment.

In an interview with KUED, he recalled his first mission in Vietnam:

I had one of these ten-mile squares that was probably 80 or 90 miles south of Saigon, so it was deep down in the south. It's flat down there with no mountains, so they put the starter

guys down there, where they won't run into a mountain. I had an experienced navigator, but it was my first mission. We went down there, and we found the target area. We started running up and down these preplanned lines, and I noticed on the third line what I'd call—well, I'd seen a little bit of flak in my life, but this was obviously a .50 caliber or 20 millimeter gun. I'd see these tracers go over my head. So I did . . . three of these lines, and of course, the back-seater's got his head buried in the scope, and he's concentrating seriously on keeping the airplane in the right place in the target area. When I got the end of a line, I came around and I said, "Hey, why don't you pull your head out of the scope a minute and take a look at what's going on up here." And he used immediately, a long series of four letter words to describe how he felt about what was going on, but the last thing he said is like, "Get outta here." I said, "Well, he's been here longer than I have," so we went back to Saigon, and we talked about it. But that was my first mission.

He subsequently served in Japan as a deputy chief of the Reconnaissance Division and then as a commander of the 16th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron. Upon his return to the United States in February 1971, he was assigned to Shaw Air Force Base, where he served as assistant deputy commander for operations in the 363rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing. He graduated from the Naval War College in August 1973 and was subsequently assigned to Ogden Air Logistics Center, Hill Air Force Base, initially as the director of distribution and later as director of maintenance.

In July 1976 he transferred to McClellan Air Force Base, CA, as director of materiel management, Sacramento Air Logistics Center. In March 1978 he became the center's vice commander. General Reynolds moved to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in May 1980 as vice commander of the Air Force Acquisition Logistics Division and took command of the division in October 1981. In July 1983 he was appointed commander of Ogden Air Logistics Center. General Reynolds subsequently received his third star and was assigned as the vice commander of the Air Force Logistics Command at Wright-Patterson, where he served until his retirement.

General Reynolds logged over 5,200 (with 475 combat) flying hours in his career—most of which were spent in physically-taxing small fighter and reconnaissance jets. His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with 15 oak leaf clusters and Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

In this storied 36-year career, General Reynolds lived all over the world, but, according to those who knew him, one of his favorite places on earth was

the Hill Aerospace Museum near Ogden, UT. After he retired from the Air Force, he became a member of the Utah Aerospace Heritage Foundation board, on which he served for 26 years. He was a driving force behind making the Hill Aerospace Museum one of the premier aviation museums in the country. He was appointed chairman of the board and served in that position for more than 20 years. General Reynolds' work in preserving Air Force history was awe-inspiring and will positively affect many generations to come.

Those who worked with General Reynolds describe his conduct and character as that of a perfect gentleman. His smile was infectious and he always treated those around him with tremendous respect and dignity. I have been told that he lifted everyone around him and was committed to excellence in all that he did.

I offer my deepest sympathies to his dear wife Ellie and to his children: Pam, Barbara, Scott, Lisa, Kristan, and Karine, and to his 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. I was told that the date on which he passed turned out to be a bit ironic. This great patriot-statesman had a weakness, which I am sure many of us share, in that he had trouble remembering his and Ellie's anniversary date. However, in what seems to be coincidence, may have been an act of providence: Marc was able to show his love on this last mortal anniversary by his determination to hold on just one-half hour into the day of their 30th anniversary before passing. Whatever the case may be, the timing offers a sweet thought.

I praise Lieutenant General Reynolds' life as an example to all Americans. I pray that we constantly remember those who serve, who have served, and who have given all that we might maintain our rights and enjoy the blessings of liberty. As citizens of a nation made great by those who serve her, like Lieutenant General Reynolds, it is our duty to honor those who have gone before by living our lives with excellence today. ●

RECOGNIZING rosieMADE LLC

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, it is imperative to distinguish the originality of women-owned small business owners who take a leap of faith and invest in an idea that not only awards their own creativity but also inspires other women throughout the Nation. Across the United States, women-owned companies employ 7.9 million people, generate \$1.4 trillion in sales, and are the fastest growing segment in our economy. Today, I am proud to recognize rosieMADE of Meridian, ID, a women-owned small business committed to selling products made in the U.S.A. by women.

In November 2012, Alicia Vanderschuere launched rosieMADE, an online marketplace that features vendors offering quality products made in the U.S.A. by women-friendly companies. After 15 years of experience in